GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Prohibition & Excise Department – Allegation of Criminal Misconduct and Criminal Conspiracy against Sri M.Venkataiah, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise (Retired) for his involvement in the liquor syndicate case of Srikakulam District – Disciplinary action initiated – Case entrusted to COI – Inquiry Report received – Charges not held proved – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt No.264 Dated. 16 .03.2023

Read the following:-

1. From DG, ACB Letter Cr.No.11/RCO-VSK/2012, dt.12.10.2012. (Cr.No.01/RCO-ACB-VZM/2012)
2. Govt. Memo.No.46423/Vig.V(2)/2012-1, dt.16.01.2013.
3. Govt.Lr.No.46423/Vig.V(2)/2012-5, Dated 30.08.2013.
4. From DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.11/RCO-VSK/2012-S.12, dt.21.02.2014.
5. G.O.Ms.No.114 Revenue (Vig.V) Department dt.03.03.2014.
6. G.O.Rt.No.319 Revenue (Vig.V) Department, dt.03.03.2014.
7. Written Statement of Defence of Sri M.Venkataiah, DC, P&E (Retd.).
8. From DG, ACB Lr.Rc.No.11/RCO-VSK/2012, dt.9-3-2016.
9. G.O.Rt.No.286 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dt. 18.03.2016.
10. G.O.Rt.No.287 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dt. 18.03.2016.
11. G.O.Rt.No.583 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dt.02.05.2018.
12. G.O.Rt.No.187 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dt.05.02.2019.
13. G.O.Rt.No.491 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dt.15.04.2019.
14. G.O.Rt.No.846 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dt.09.08.2019.
15. G.O.Rt.No.292 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dt.25.02.2020.
16. From GA (COI-R) Department, U.O. Note No.119/COI-R/2020-15, Dated:18.03.2021.
17. G.O.Rt.No.269 Revenue (Vig.IV) Department, dt.18.05.2021.
18. Sri K.Venkata Rami Rddy, Member, COI, GAD D.O. Lr. No.61/COI-KVR/202 I DATED: 27.07.202 along with inquiry report.
19. Govt.Memo.No.46423/Vig.IV.2/2012, Dated:29 .09.2022
20. Representation dated 07.12.2022 of Sri M.Venkataiah, DC, P&E (Retd.)

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ORDER:

Whereas the Anti-Corruption Bureau authorities have registered a case under Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against Sri M.Venkataiah, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise (Retired) on the allegations of criminal misconduct and corruption for his involvement in liquor syndicate case of Srikakulam district. The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, in his final report, in respect of Sri M.Venkataiah, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise (Retired) recommended to place his defence before TDP along with others.

2) And whereas after examining the final report, Government have decided to entrust the case of Sri M.Venkataiah, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise (Retired) to Commissioner of Inquiries as the individual was retired from service on 30.11.2012. Accordingly, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau was requested to furnish draft Article of charges for framing charges against him vide reference 4th read above.

3) The Government have initiated departmental proceedings by framing charges against Sri M.Venkataiah, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise (Retired) and directed him to submit his written statement of defence with in 15 days of receipt of the orders vide reference 5th & 6th read above.

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4) Government, after examination of Written Statement of Defence of Charged Officer, have appointed Dr.Premchand, IAS (Retired), Commissioner of Inquiries as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri M.Venkataiah, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise (Retired) vide reference 9th read above. Sri G.Venugopala Rao, Advocate was appointed as presenting officer to present the case on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority vide reference 10th read above. Subsequently, the case was reassigned to the Members of COI to conduct inquiry against the charged officer vide reference 11th, 13th & 14th read above. Similarly, Sri M.Vara prasada Rao, Advocate has been appointed as Presenting Officer in the place of Sri G.Venugopala Rao, Advocate/Presenting Officer vide reference 12th read above.

5) Finally, Sri K.Venkata Rami Reddy, Member, COI has been appointed as Inquiring Authority to inquire into the charges framed against Sri M.Venkataiah, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise (Retired) vide reference 15th read above.

6) Whereas in the reference 18th read above, Sri K.Venkata Rami Reddy, Commissioner of Inquiries / Inquiring Authority has submitted the inquiry report. The Inquiring Authority in his findings has reported that after examining all the evidences and documentary proof, it is concluded that the charge framed against the charged officer Sri M.Venkataiah, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise (Retired) is held not proved.

7) Government, after careful examination of the matter, have accepted the findings of the Inquiring Authority and decided to drop further action against Sri M.Venkataiah, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise (Retired). Accordingly, Government, hereby order to drop further action against Sri M.Venkataiah, Deputy Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise (Retired).

8) The Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Individual through the Commissioner of Prohibition & Excise, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, Prohibition and Excise Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance Commission, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER